

SAINT CECILIA'S CHURCH

The Man Born Blind, by Duccio di Buoninsegna



WITH THE HELP OF SAINT CECILIA PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Dear brothers and sisters,

Father Paul and I were thrilled to hear that Bishop McManus has chosen Deacon Bob and Irene Connor as the recipients of the Mother Theresa Pro-Life Award this year. Their lives have been a testament to the Gospel of Life, as their children, the people at First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center and the mother and families whom they have supported throughout the years would testify. The award will be presented at Bishop McManus' Mass at the Cathedral this coming Friday at 10am for the Feast of the Annunciation. We will be there, and we hope you will be too.

This week, the engineers are scheduled to complete the last of their water testing, a prelude to the definitive repair of the gutters and roofs. That means that we will begin the restoration of the interior of our beloved Church sometime in July or August. For months we have been consulting with Rohn Design and Associates, those responsible for the original renovations in the 1980's. Included in this week's bulletin are two pages of the preliminary renderings for plastering and painting the interior, as well as several possible updates, including the restoration of the stone sanctuary floor, a new Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the choir, and handicapped access to the sanctuary/chapel level. A more detailed explanation of the color scheme and other enhancements to the Church can be found in a video on our Parish Facebook page.

Please know that these are all preliminary ideas and very much a work in progress. Your advice at every stage will be deeply appreciated.

While final numbers are not in on any of this, it is my intention to embark on any stage of the project only when the necessary funds are in hand. We are committed to painting and plastering and have approximately \$900,000 insurance money on hand. Anything else which we add to this will only be in response to your memorial gifts.

Similarly, the final numbers on the gutter and roof repair are still not in, awaiting the final report from the engineers. While the Diocese has generously provided us with a line of credit, it is my hope to secure the building from any future leaks without having to borrow any money. More on that to come!

Thanks for your patience with all of this! You know what it is like to paint the kitchen. Imagine all the moving parts in restoring the most magnificent Church in Worcester County! (Yes, I am prejudiced).

Most of all, I ask for your prayers, as we take the important step of securing the future for Saint Cecilia Church. We stand on the shoulders of giants. Through their prayers and yours, we will make it so!

In the Lord,

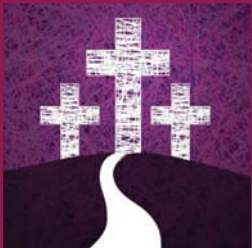
Monsignor Moroney



HAVE YOU BEEN TO CONFESSION YET?

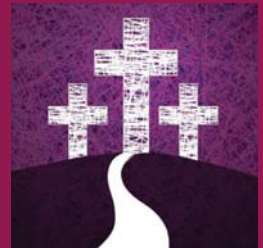
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LENT 2023

SAINT CECILIA CHURCH



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Tuesday 6:30am
Wednesday 6:30am and **4pm**
Thursday 9am and 6pm
Friday and Saturday 9am

CONFESSIONS

Thursday at 6:30pm
Saturday at 9:30am and 3pm

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Fridays at 6pm

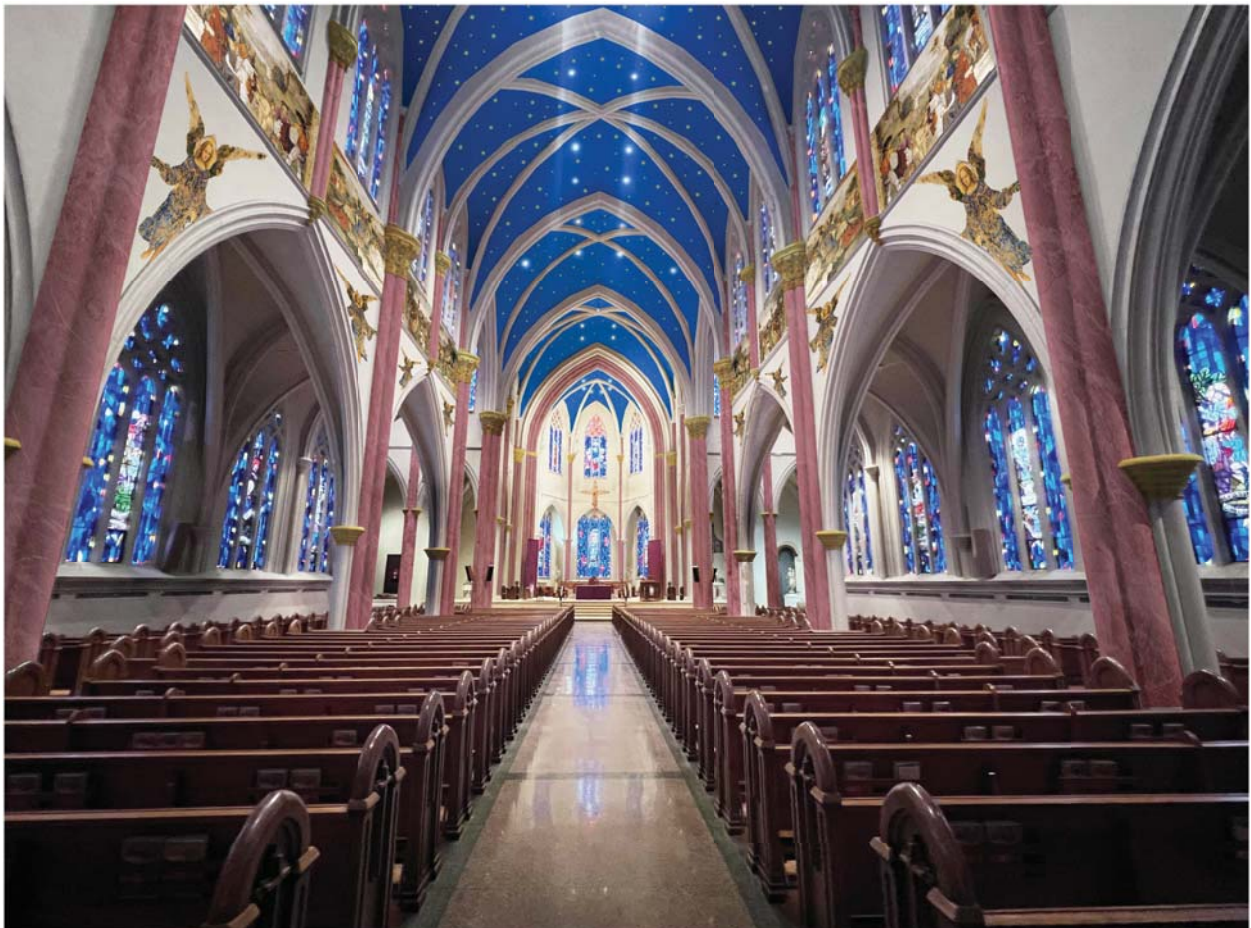
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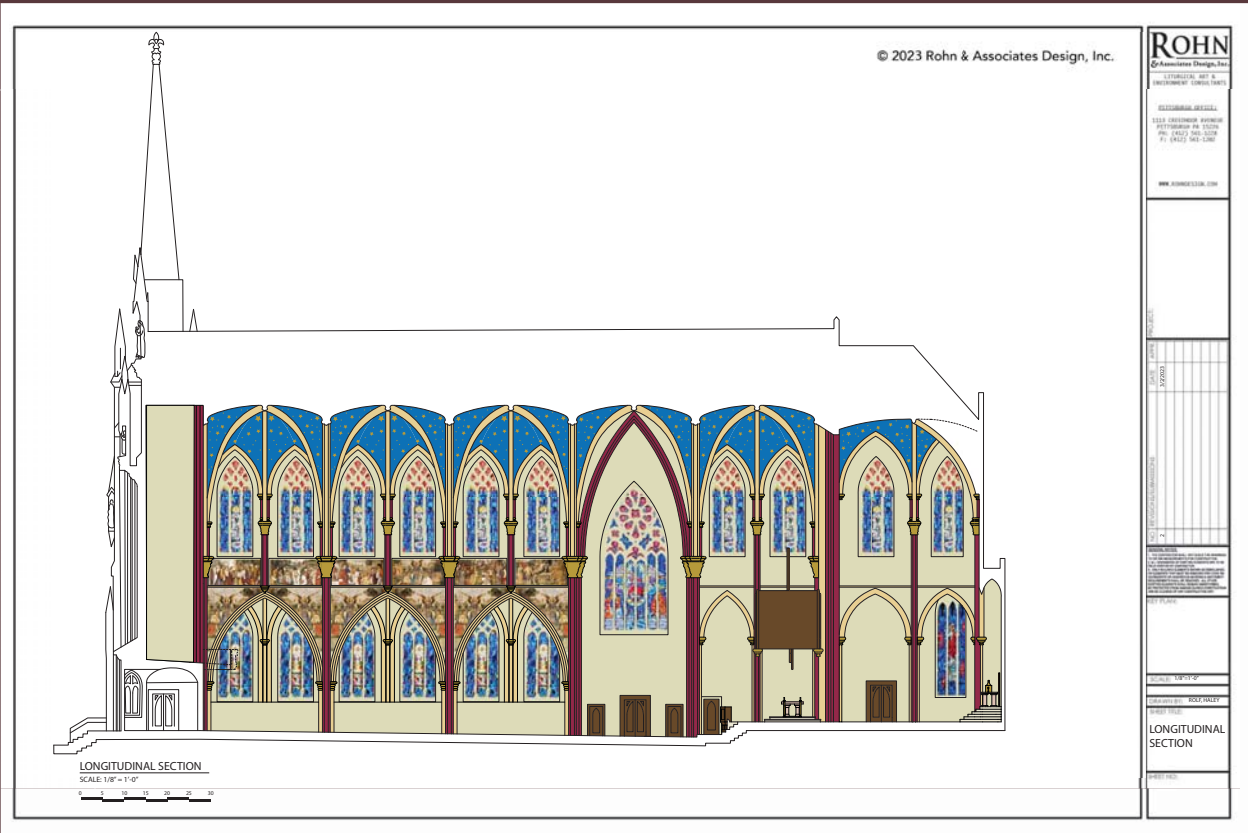
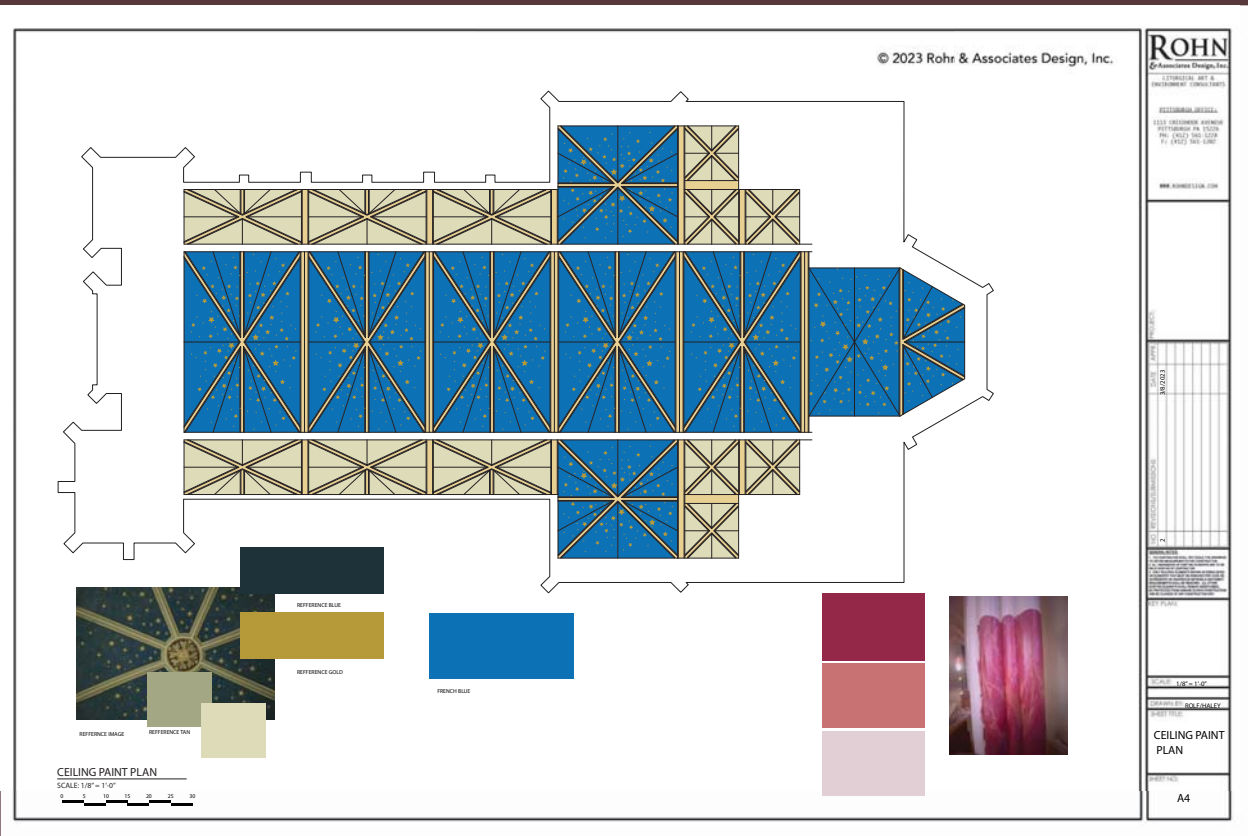
Each Wednesday evening from 4 - 6:30pm a simple Lenten supper will be served in the Parish Center. Free will offerings will be accepted for the benefit of Saint Vincent de Paul.

VISIONS

FOR A POSSIBLE TOMORROW

The following preliminary renderings describe possible color schemes and other enhancements for the restoration of Saint Cecilia Church. They were produced by Rohn Design and Associates, the same major design firm which had accomplished the last restoration, nearly fifty years ago. The plans include plastering, painting, introduction of stars to the ceiling, marbellization to the columns and painting panels in the clerestory, as well as a restored stone floor, new and expanded Blessed Sacrament Chapel and a Testor over the altar, highlighting the Charpentier crucifix, as well as handicapped access to the sanctuary/chapel level. More details of these preliminary ideas can be viewed in a video on the parish Facebook page and website.





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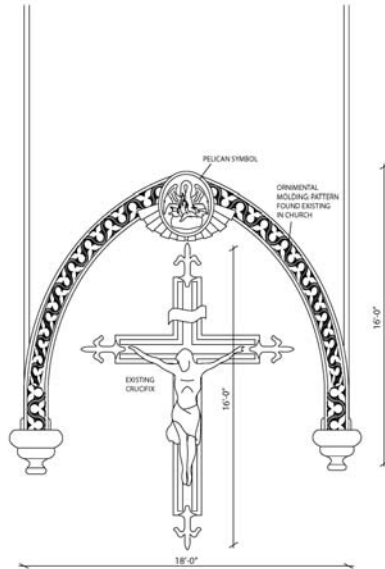
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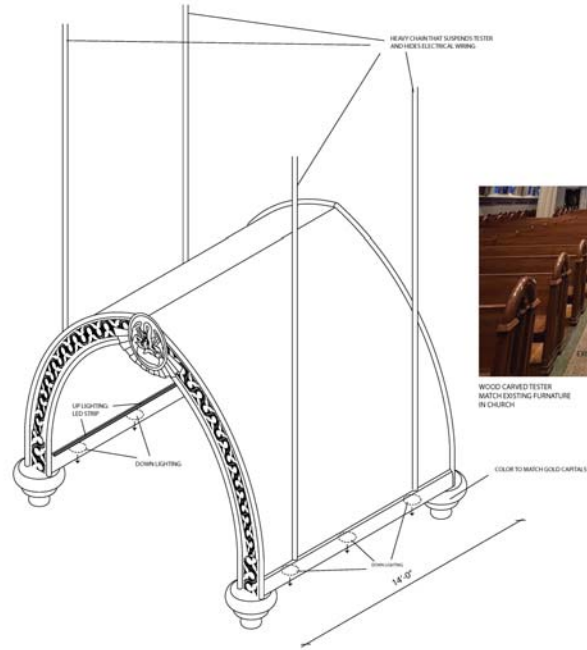
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NOTES:
1. ALL WORK SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LATEST EDITIONS OF THE BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS.
2. ALL MATERIALS SHALL BE NEW UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
3. ALL FINISHES SHALL BE MATCHED TO EXISTING CONDITIONS.
4. ALL DIMENSIONS SHALL BE IN FEET AND INCHES.
5. ALL LENGTHS ARE APPROXIMATE.
6. SEE SHEET 01 FOR GENERAL NOTES.

TEST PLANS

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DATE: 10/20/23 BY: JR

PROJECT: LONGITUDINAL SECTION

SHEET NO.:

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Please pray for those who are ill, especially:

Claudette Hamel, Jesse Rojas, Jeannine Farineau, June Roy, José Dhiogo, Jenn, Doris, Elena, Doris Maillet, Stephanie Matthews and Jeannine Reid. If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email us at office@stceciliachurch.net and we will add them to our list for a month or so.



A CONCISE INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRED LITURGY

with Monsignor James P. Moroney

STARTING Tuesday, March 28th
7 - pm Live **and** via ZOOM
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Pre-registration is required and a donation of \$25 is requested, although not required. A copy of the book *The Mass Explained* will be provided to each participant.

Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper
Dining In 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Take Out 4:00pm - 6:30pm

This week's menu:
Beef Barley



Free will offerings will be accepted for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul



Spring Flea Market will be coming up in May, more information to come.

In preparation we will be accepting items on Saturday, April 1st from 9:30am-1pm and on Monday, April 3rd from 5-7pm. Please enter through the Third St. Lower Center door. We will be happy to receive any holiday decorations, dishes, knickknacks, religious items, sports memorabilia, DVDs, toys, canning jars, jewelry, books (children's only), etc. Please note, we cannot accept computers, monitors, televisions, electrical appliances, padded furniture, VHS tapes, cassettes, clothing or shoes. We are unable to take large furniture. If it doesn't fit in your car, please don't bring it.

Last Weekend's Collection
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THIS WEEK AT SAINT CECILIA



Saturday March 18 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 80*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Doris Constant (5th anniv.), by Joyce & Paul Latuga (Church)

Sunday March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent *Breaking Bread, page 80*

7:00am Mass for Irene Cristofono (20th anniv.), by the family (Church)
9:45am Mass for Robert Kurt Allan (1st anniv.), by his mother (Church)
 9:30am-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectory)
 9:45am-11:00am Catechist of the Good Shepherd, and other classes through Grade 6 (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Robert & Loretta Corda (anniv.) by Priscilla Gates (Church)
 12:30pm Baptism of Kane & Kaia Emma

Monday March 20 Saint Joseph

6:30am Mass for Edward Gautreau, by Yvonne Richard (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 7:00pm - 8:15pm Grades Seventh through Tenth Religious Education (Parish Center)

Tuesday March 21 Lenten Weekday

6:30am Mass for Parishioners of St. Cecilia Parish (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 4:00pm - 5:30pm Sacramental Prep Class A (Parish Center)
 7:00pm - *Discovering Christ: An Inquiry and Meditation*, with Monsignor Kelly (Rectory)

Wednesday March 22 Lenten Weekday

6:30am Mass for Dorothy Grazloso, by Patricia Piccicuto (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
4:00pm Mass for Jeanne Litterio, by Wilfrid Gariepy (Chapel)
 6:30pm - Leominster Parish Mission - Penance Service (Saint Cecilia's Church)
 7:00pm Rosary (Chapel)

Thursday March 23 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for Jacqueline Lacroix, by Georgette & Florian Babineau (Chapel)
 9:30am - 11:00am Bible Study - Exodus II (Parish Center)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
6:00pm Mass for Melinda Marks (1st anniv.), by Carole Watts (Chapel)
 6:30pm Confessions (Church)

Friday March 24 Lenten Weekday

9:00am Mass for the Intentions of Robert Hamel, by his mother (Chapel)
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass
 Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)
 3:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena (Chapel)
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
 6:30pm BINGO (Parish Center) Doors open 4pm; Game starts 6:30pm

Saturday March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00am Mass for Kathy Scott, by Steve Doucet (Chapel)
 9:30am Confessions (Church)
 9:00am-10:30am Sacramental Prep Class B (Parish Center)

Saturday March 25 Vigil *Breaking Bread, page 83*

3:00pm Confessions (Church)
4:00pm Mass for Norman Rheault (20th anniv.), by his wife & children (Church)

Sunday March 26 Flfth Sunday of Lent *Breaking Bread, page 83*

7:00am Mass for All Souls in Purgatory (Church)
9:45am Mass for Deceased members of Leon F. Gallagher family, by Rita & family (Church)
 9:30am-11:00am RCIA Group (Rectory)
 9:45am-11:00am Catechist of the Good Shepherd, and other classes through (Parish Center)
11:15am Mass for Frank Conti (4th anniv.), by Jeanne Conti (Church)
 12:30pm Baptism of Jalen Joseph Baldasaro

A NEW SONG FOR LENT

QUIETLY, PEACEFULLY

Antonin Dvořák
 Words and Adapt. Lori True



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